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FOR MCCALL FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE STATE 156041, PARA 3, YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED
MOSCOW 12798 ON JUNE 6 OR JUNE 7 AT LATEST. IT IS O-I
OF SEVEN PARAS. PARA 4 REFERS TO MILITARY VISITS.
MUCH OF REST IS O.B.E., BUT WE'LL RETRANSMIT IF YOU
DON'T HAVE IT.

2. FOR GARRISON. DATES FOR RECEPTIONS NOT YET SET,
BUT BELIEVE AMBASSADOR HAD FRIDAY, JULY 28 IN MIND.
WILL DISCUSS WITH HIM FURTHER WHEN HE RETURNS JUNE 22.
WE HAVE YOU SCHEDULED FOR BROWN APARTMENT INITIALLY
SINCE THERE WILL BE GAP UNTIL GERMAN ARRIVES EARLY
SEPTEMBER WHICH WOULD PERMIT REPAINTING OF DCM APARTMENT
IF YOU DESIRE BEFORE YOU MOVE IN. (JULY IS GOING
TO BE SO ACTIVE THAT PAINTING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE
WE DEPART.)

3. WITH REFERENCE TO STATE 140634 (PARA 1) WE
URGENTLY NEED LIST OF ICC MEMBERS TO BE INVITED TO
AMBASSADOR'S JUNE 26 RECEPTION. IF ARMSTRONG IS NOT
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AVAILABLE, PERHAPS YOU CAN GET NAMES FROM US CHAMBER
DIRECTLY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN GET NAMES FROM
SOVIETS UNTIL LAST MINUTE. AS FAR AS WE PRESENTLY
ARE AWARE, US PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ARMSTRONG, ARTHUR
ROSS AND IBM PARIS EXECUTIVE BRADLEY LESHER.

4. SHAUN BYRNES' PLANS: SHAUN DEPARTED MOSCOW

LAST WEEK. WE BELIEVE HE IS NOW IN LONDON. IN CONSIDERING LENGTH OF HL PERMITTED, WOULD HOPE YOU WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT SHAUN HAS PUT IN A VERY STRENUOUS TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS WITH VERY LITTLE LEAVE. FOR WEEKS ON END (PARTICULARLY JUST AFTER FIRE) HE WORKED SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, MORE THAN 12 HOURS A DAY. WE KNOW THINGS ARE TIGHT, BUT THOSE STALWARTS LIKE SHAUN WHO CARRIED US THROUGH THE POST-FIRE WINTER DESERVE ALL THE REST THEY CAN POSSIBLY BE ALLOWED.

5. GREENBERG HAD A FRANK DISCUSSION WITH HELLER THE EVENING OF JUNE 16 IN WHICH HE WAS INFORMED OF EMBASSY ACTION REPORTED MOSCOW 13792 AND CAUTIONED TO BEHAVE WITH DISCRETION WHILE HERE. WHEN QUESTIONED RE ASSURANCES MADE TO DEPARTMENT THAT HE INTENDED TO CARRY OR SEND NOTHING MORE THAN INNOCUOUS PHOTOS OF SOCIAL GATHERINGS, HELLER SAID THAT NEITHER DEPARTMENT OR EPA HAD GIVEN HIM ANY INDICATION THAT HE MAY HAVE TRESPASSED POUCH AND FRANKING REGULATIONS WHEN HE SHIPPED SIMILAR MATERIALS HERE LAST YEAR. HE CLAIMED THAT THE FIRST TIME HE LEARNED THAT HIS PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES CAUSED PROBLEMS WAS WHEN HE MET WITH WILKINSON THIS MONTH; BY THAT POINT HE HAD ALREADY POUCHED HIS MATERIALS FOR HIS PRESENT VISIT. HELLER CLAIMED THAT HIS ASSURANCES TO WILKINSON WERE MADE IN EARNEST, BUT SINCE WILKINSON TALKED ONLY OF HELLER'S FUTURE CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTIVITIES, HELLER DID NOT DEEM IT NECESSARY TO RAISE WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED. UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION, HELLER VOLUNTEERED THAT HE BROUGHT ADDITIONAL PRAYER SHAWLS AND SEVERAL ARTICLES ON DISSIDENTS IN HIS LUGGAGE, WHICH HE NOW THOUGHT INADVISABLE TO CARRY ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION. GREENBERG AGREED TO SEND FOUR PRAYER SHAWLS TO HELLER'S ADDRESS AT EPA, UNDERLINING THAT EMBASSY IS PERFORMING THIS SERVICE ON HELLER'S PERSONAL REQUEST. HELLER LATER TOLD GREENBERG THAT HE DELIVERED SEVERAL PHOTOS TO LERNER, REPEATING ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD EXERCISE DISCRETION IN HIS NON-OFFICIAL CONTACTS HERE. HE DEPARTED FOR NOVOSIBIRSK JUNE 18. HELLER APPEARED CHASTENED DURING HIS DISCUSSION AT THE EMBASSY AND SEEMED MOSTLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES TO HIM OF POSSIBLE POUCH AND FRANKING VIOLATIONS. HE DID, HOWEVER, STATE SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE THOUGHT THE RULES ON THE USE OF THE POUCH TO BE "RATHER PARANOID." EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT THE DESK IS KEEPING EPA FULLY INFORMED ON HELLER'S ACTIVITIES AND STATEMENTS, AND THAT EPA WILL TAKE THESE INTO CONSIDERATION SHOULD HELLER REQUEST A THIRD VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

6. SANDY GUST'S TRAVEL PLANS HAVE CHANGED AND WILL
NOW ALLOW HER TO REPORT FOR WORK ON 8/21/78. MATLOCK

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